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Re: SN 09/885,723 "TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING ALTERED LEVELS OF
STEROID COMPOUNDS" - Balasulojini Karunanandaa, et al.
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Dear Sir:

Applicants received a call from the Office of Patent Publications indicating that Table 5 on page 59 of the referenced patent application included data that was cut off in the right hand margin. Applicants were requested to provide a version of the Table suitable for publication.

Therefore, Applicants have provided herewith one marked copy and one clean copy of Table 5 in which the data on the right hand side that was partially incomplete has been deleted. The deleted information is not necessary for an understanding of the Table or the claims generally, as the corresponding amino acid sequences are shown in the alignment in Figure 32, and the corresponding organisms are given on the left hand side of the Table.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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The Multiple Alignment

methanobac	swissprot:hmdh_meth	Begin:1	End:397	Q26662 <i>methanobacterium thermoautotrophicum</i>
methanococ	swissprot:hmdh_melja	Begin:1	End:405	Q58116 <i>methanococcus jannaschii</i> -3-hydroxy-3-
halobacter	swissprot:hmdh_halvo	Begin:1	End:403	Q59468 <i>halobacterium volcanii</i> (halobacter) vlcg-
sulfolobus	swissprot:hmdh_sulso	Begin:1	End:409	Q08424 <i>sulfolobus solfataricus</i> -3-hydroxy-3-me
yeast2	gp_pln1:yschmgcr2_1	Begin:1	End:1045	M22255 <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> -Yeast-HMG
yeast1	gp_pln1:yschmgcr1_1	Begin:1	End:1054	M22002 <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> -Yeast-HMG
phycomyces	swissprot:hmdh_phybl	Begin:1	End:105	Q12649 <i>phycomyces blakesleeanus</i> -3-hydroxy-
fusarium	swissprot:hmdh_fusmo	Begin:1	End:976	Q12577 <i>fusarium moniliforme</i> (gibberella fujikure
candida	gp_pln1:ab012603_1	Begin:1	End:934	AB012603 <i>Candida utilis</i> <i>Candida utilis</i> HMG-mf
dictyoste2	swissprot:hmd2_dldi	Begin:1	End:481	P34136 <i>dictyostelium discoideum</i> (slime mold)-i
wheat1	pir2:pq0761	Begin:1	End:150	hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA reductase (NADPH)
rice	swissprot:hmdh_orysa	Begin:1	End:509	P48019 <i>oryza sativa</i> (rice)-3-hydroxy-3-methylgl-
corn	sp_pln1:q43826	Begin:1	End:579	Q24594 <i>zea mays</i> (maize)-3-hydroxy-3-methylgl-
wheat3	pir2:pq0763	Begin:1	End:150	hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA reductase (NADPH)
wheat2	pir2:pq0762	Begin:1	End:150	hydroxymethylglutaryl-CoA reductase (NADPH)
soybean	gmtd6:30820_1r59f1	Begin:101	End:259	from proprietary soy sequence database
rubbertre3	swissprot:hmd3_hevbr	Begin:1	End:586	Q00583 <i>hevea brasiliensis</i> (para-rubber tree)-2-
rosyperiwl	swissprot:hmdh_catro	Begin:1	End:601	Q03163 <i>catharanthus roseus</i> (rosy periwinkle)-t
tomato	swissprot:hmd2_lyces	Begin:1	End:602	P48022 <i>lycopodium obscurum</i> (ferns)-3-hy-
woodtobacc	swissprot:hmdh_nicsy	Begin:1	End:604	Q01559 <i>nicotiana glauca</i> (wood tobacco)-3-h-
potato	gp_pln1:p0thmgri_1	Begin:1	End:596	L01400 <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (potato)-hydroxymeth-
radish	sp_pln1:q43826	Begin:1	End:573	Q43826 <i>raphanus sativus</i> (radish)-hydroxymeth-
arabidopsis1	gp_pln1:athhmgcoa_1	Begin:1	End:592	L19261 <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>
cucumis1	gp_pln1:ab021862_1	Begin:1	End:587	AB021862 <i>Cucumis melo</i> <i>Cucumis melo</i> mRNA
rubbertre2	swissprot:hmd2_hevbr	Begin:1	End:210	P29058 <i>hevea brasiliensis</i> (para-rubber tree)-3-1
rubbertre1	swissprot:hmd1_hevbr	Begin:1	End:575	P29057 <i>hevea brasiliensis</i> (para-rubber tree)-3-1
camptothac	swissprot:hmdh_camac	Begin:1	End:593	P48021 <i>camptotheca acuminata</i> -3-hydroxy-3-m
arabidops2	swissprot:hmd2_arath	Begin:1	End:562	P43256 <i>arabidopsis thaliana</i> (mouse ear cress)-
chineseham	swissprot:hmdh_crigr	Begin:1	End:887	P00347 <i>eriobotrya japonica</i> (chinese hamater)-3-1
chineseha2	gp_rod:cruhmg14_1	Begin:1	End:887	L00183 <i>Eriobotrya</i> sp. Hamster-3-hydroxy-3-met
syrianhamst	gp_rod:hamhmgcob_1	Begin:1	End:887	M12705 <i>Mesocricetus auratus</i> Syrian hamster-3-
rat	swissprot:hmdh_rat	Begin:1	End:887	P51639 <i>Rattus norvegicus</i> (rat)-3-hydroxy-3-met
rabbit	swissprot:hmdh_rabit	Begin:1	End:888	P51639 <i>Rattus norvegicus</i> (rat)-3-hydroxy-3-met
human	gp_pri2:humhmgcoa_1	Begin:1	End:888	Q29512 <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> (rabbit)-3-hydrox-
mouse	gp_rod:mushmgcoa_1	Begin:1	End:224	M11058 <i>Homo sapiens</i> Human-3-hydroxy-3-met
xenopus	swissprot:hmdh_xenla	Begin:1	End:883	M62766 <i>Mus musculus</i> Mouse-HMG-CoA reduct
seaurchin	swissprot:hmdh_strpu	Begin:1	End:883	P20715 <i>Xenopus laevis</i> (afrikan clawed frog)-3-1
cockroach	swissprot:hmdh_blaeg	Begin:1	End:932	P16393 <i>Strongylocentrotus purpuratus</i> (purple si
drosophila	swissprot:hmdh_drome	Begin:1	End:856	P54960 <i>blattella germanica</i> (german cockroach)-
dictyoste1	swissprot:hmd1_dldi	Begin:1	End:916	P14773 <i>desmophila melanogaster</i> (fruit fly)-3-hy-
schistosom	swissprot:hmdh_schma	Begin:1	End:552	P34135 <i>dictyostelium discoideum</i> (slime mold)-i
archaeoglo	swissprot:hmdh_arclu	Begin:1	End:948	P16237 <i>schistosoma mansoni</i> (blood fluke)-3-h-
pseudomonas	gp_bct1:psehmhgcoa_1	Begin:1	End:436	Q28538 <i>archaeoglobus fulgidus</i> -3-hydroxy-3-m
			End:428	M24015 <i>Pseudomonas mavaloni</i> <i>P. mavaloni</i> H

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rabbit	swissprotchmdh_rabit	Begin:1	End:888	Q29512
human	gp_pri2:humhmgcoa_1	Begin:1	End:888	M11058
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